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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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MAYOR'S Center City STRATEGY

Mayor Nickels' "Center City Seattle" strategy focuses on encouraging economic growth, transportation, new housing, and great urban neighborhoods in Seattle's downtown core and the nine centrally located neighborhoods immediately around it. By 2024, it is projected that this area will produce 57,000 new jobs and over 24,000 new housing units.



Downtown Seattle businesses are the economic engine of the region- creating tens of thousands of jobs, providing economic opportunity throughout the Puget Sound region, and generating tax revenues to support neighborhoods and basic services. We are creating the new climate for business by building tomorrow's transportation system, streamlining City permit processes, and revising the Land Use Code.



We're working to increase housing options, decrease commute times, and take pressure off single family neighborhoods and rural, undeveloped lands. We're developing changes to the Land Use Code, looking at housing programs, and working with property owners to develop a range of housing options.

Center City Seattle is becoming a place where people choose to live, work, and play. But making great neighborhoods means more than building great buildings. To keep and attract businesses, support Center City residents, and keep our great entertainment attractions, we're creating a collection of unique, but connected neighborhoods. They are not the same, they are not all "downtown," but are part of a larger whole, which entices all to stroll the streets, visit restaurants and shops, and spend time in the parks.

Government, business, Center City neighborhoods, and Seattle residents are all working together to create a vibrant core of 10 distinct neighborhoods, where thousands walk to work and where the entire region feels at home.

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LARGE Projects Fund Awards \$1,463,876

TO 18 SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

Award recipients and community members joined Mayor Nickels, members of the Seattle City Council, and Department of Neighborhoods Director, Yvonne Sanchez at a ceremony for the award winners at the Yesler Community Center, site of the East African Parent Advocacy Training project, which is one of this year's award recipients.



Mayor Nickels with Matching Fund Committee and Citywide Review Team Chair, Bob Lucas

Each year, Large Project Fund Awards are awarded to groups committed to building a better community by matching the public funds with locally raised money, donated materials, and volunteer labor. These recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

This year's recommended awards recipients will include projects from all over the city. The 18 awards totaling \$1,463,876 range from \$23,750 to \$100,000. In addition to the City's contribution to the projects, the communities will "match" the City's dollars with local resources valued at \$2,744,897.

"One of my priorities has been to build strong communities, and this is exactly what these groups work for every day," said Nickels. "I'm glad that with the Neighborhood Matching Fund, the City can help bring energy to these great projects."

Yvonne Sanchez, Director of Neighborhoods, added, "I'm very proud that this year's awards reflect our efforts to include groups that are new to community involvement in Seattle. We're expecting some great results from their work."

Also joining Mayor Nickels to congratulate awardees was Bob Lucas, chair of the Matching Fund Committee and Citywide Review Team, who are made up of representatives from the 13 District Councils in Seattle. Their job is to make the funding recommendations to the Mayor for the Large Projects fund.

We owe Bob and the other Team members a big thanks for the hundreds of hours of reading, interviewing, touring projects, and making funding recommendations. The Department of Neighborhoods also extends its thanks to the City Neighborhood Council for its advice and guidance on matters related to the Matching Fund.



Entertaining the ceremony attendees were the Ben Roseth Trio, Garfield Jazz Band alumni.

2005 Large Project Fund

RECOMMENDATIONS

Project Name	Neighborhood Organization	Match Amount	NMF Amount
Mt Baker Ridge Viewpoint Park Construction	Mt. Baker Ridge Viewpoint Steering Committee	\$ 241,453	\$ 100,000
Dahl Playfield Renovation Project	Friends of Dahl Playfield	\$ 239,558	\$ 100,000
Ravenna Park Play Area Renovation	Friends of Ravenna Playground	\$ 224,868	\$ 100,000
SCWS Accessibility and Renewal	Senior Center of West Seattle	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
Pinehurst Pocket Park	Pinehurst Community Council	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Wedgwood School Playground Improvement	Wedgwood Elementary PTSA	\$ 87,244	\$ 85,804
Lafayette Playground Improvements	Lafayette Elementary PTSA	\$ 143,882	\$ 100,000
Fremont Peak Park Construction	Friends of Fremont Peak Park	\$ 179,137	\$ 100,000
Successful Schools in Action Community Partnership	Successful Schools in Action	\$ 61,450	\$ 60,990
Maple Leaf Community Garden Development	Maple Leaf Community Council	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Japanese Cultural and Community Center - Phase I	Nikkei Heritage Association	\$ 103,850	\$ 99,900
Creating the New California Substation Park	Friends of California Substation	\$ 113,006	\$ 85,000
Bayview Kinnear Park Improvement	Friends of Bayview-Kinnear Park	\$ 204,003	\$ 99,637
Big Howe Improvement	Big Howe Playground Improvement Project Committee	\$ 318,676	\$ 100,000
BDDTF Sustainable Community Development Practice Circle	Black Dollar Days Task Force	\$ 419,400	\$ 34,500
Hitt's Hill Habitat/Neighborhood Restoration	Friends of Hitts Hill	\$ 60,945	\$ 50,000
SESAC Revitalization	SESAC	\$ 22,680	\$ 23,750
East African Parent Advocacy Training	Yesler Terrace Community Council	\$ 54,745	\$ 54,295
Grand Total:		\$2,744,897	\$1,463,876

DoN AWARDS **OVER \$220,000**

TO 20 SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

The Department of Neighborhoods unveiled new funding awards for 20 different neighborhood projects through the Neighborhood Matching Fund. Several times a year, Small and Simple Project Fund Awards are given to groups committed to building a better community by matching public funds with locally raised money, donated materials, and volunteer labor.

This season's award recipients will include projects from all over the city. The 20 awards totaling \$221,618 range from \$3,150 to \$15,000. In addition to the City's contribution to the projects, the communities will "match" the City's dollars with local resources valued at \$317,092.

Yvonne Sanchez, Director of Neighborhoods, said, "I'm especially proud of the education related efforts we have been helping with these past months. Along with the diversity of these efforts, we will have real progress to show in these communities. Each of these projects represent community building at its finest."

Small and Simple projects are one of four components of the Neighborhood Matching Fund, and provides awards under \$15,000 to support community driven projects that take up to one year to complete. Seattle neighborhoods have completed more than 2500 projects in the last 15 years using as little as \$100 and as much \$100,000 from the Neighborhood Matching Fund. 🌐



Awardees gather at Denny Middle School for the Small and Simple Awards ceremony.

Small and Simple Awards Summer 2005

Project Name	Neighborhood Organization	Match Amount	NMF Amount
Whitman Middle School Neighborhood Basketball Court	Whitman Middle School Site Council	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Ingraham High School Reader Board	Ingraham High School PTA	\$23,020	\$15,000
Flower Baskets and Festive Winter Lights along Broadway	Broadway Business Improvement Association	\$16,503	\$ 5,303
Louisa Street End Park	Eastlake Community Council	\$18,990	\$15,000
22nd Ave E Traffic Calming Circles at Thomas & Republican	Miller Park Neighborhood Association	\$13,326	\$10,751
Llandover Woods Restoration and Community Outreach	Friends of Llandover Woods	\$ 3,620	\$ 6,249
Denny Middle School Site Improvement	Denny Middle School PTSA	\$17,670	\$15,000
Inside Out: Youth, Media & Race	Reel Grrls	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Kimball Mosaic Sign	Kimball Elementary PTSA	\$11,450	\$11,050
The Market Street Singers "Shilshole on the Pacific Rim" Season	The Market Street Singers	\$38,490	\$14,000
Cambodian Cultural Museum Classroom and Community Group Involvement	Cambodian Cultural Museum and Killing Fields Memorial	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Schmitz Park Elementary School Site Plan Implementation: Back Pasture	Schmitz Park Elementary PTSA	\$27,932	\$15,000
Rainier Beach Neighborhood Organizing	Rainier Beach Colation for Community Empowerment (RBCCE)	\$15,000	\$15,000
U-District ArtWalk	University District ArtWalk Group (UDAWG)	\$30,060	\$14,820
The Diaries of Lake Union	History House	\$24,620	\$15,000
Celebrate, Commemorate & Educate	Professional Women of Color Network	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,150
American Legal System and Immigration Reform Project	Organization of Chinese Americans	\$12,196	\$10,330
Big Howe Improvement Project (B-HIP Phase 2)	Big Howe Playground Improvement Project Committee	\$19,015	\$15,000
Public Art at Dahl Playfield	Friends of Art at Dahl Playfield	\$15,735	\$15,000
July 2005 61st Ave SW Neighborhood Improvement	61st Ave SW Neighborhood Improvement Committee	\$ 6,965	\$ 6,965

NMF Totals

Sector Totals:	Projects	Match Amount	NMF Amount
Total For East	3	\$ 33,329	\$ 19,554
Total For Northeast	2	\$ 45,795	\$ 29,820
Total For Northwest	5	\$ 97,750	\$ 58,249
Total For Southeast	3	\$ 29,950	\$ 29,200
Total For Southwest	4	\$ 60,067	\$ 44,465
Total For West	3	\$ 50,201	\$ 40,330
Grand Total:	20	\$317,092	\$221,618

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (VAEDA)

Mr. Quang Nguyen, from the Vietnamese American Development Association, reports the Association wants to strengthen its relationship with the Seattle Police Department. He described concerns as sporadic issues related to transients loitering, litter, periodic prostitution, and gang activity. The East Precinct Commander and the Community Police Sergeant plan to meet with Mr. Nguyen.

According to Mr. Nguyen, business owners in the 12th Avenue and South Jackson vicinity work 24-7. Mr. Nguyen is working on a petition to generate interest in a Business Improvement Association; however, many of the business owners simply have a difficult time attending meetings, due to their busy schedules.

1321 S IRVING ST

A vacant house and lot at 1321 S Irving St, owned by the Seattle Office of Housing, was in need of tall grass maintenance and there was an abandoned vehicle that someone lived in on the lot. Ms. Angela Brooks from Office of Housing arranged for the grass to be cut and the vehicle to be removed via Seattle Police Department. The Colman Neighborhood Association, adjacent residents, and members from block watches were exceptionally pleased with the City improving an eyesore.

DELRIIDGE

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FOR HIGH POINT

According to Tom Phillips, High Point Hope VI development manager, the Seattle Housing Authority met with Seattle Department of Transportation to work out some final details of the street design along Sylvan Way SW/SW Morgan after the redevelopment of High Point. The design includes a school zone, with yellow blinking lights at the corner of SW Holly and Sylvan Way SW. These lights are in addition to the new street light at the main intersection along Sylvan/Morgan. A 6-ft wide median is still in the plan. The new street design will make it very clear to drivers that they are passing through a residential neighborhood. Mr. Phillips commended SDOT for its cooperation and for agreeing to make these changes.

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Green Team BEGINS

By Karen Ko, Northeast District Coordinator

From the Clean and Green Event in the University District in February, a project has taken hold and, thanks to Seattle Public Utilities and Ernestine Mitchell, the homeless young woman who founded the Green Team, the District now has a regular alley cleaning crew. During the Clean and Green event, some of the homeless youth who spent the previous night in the shelter at University Temple joined the Ave clean up. Afterward, "debriefing" over pizza, one of the young men commented that they would like to do this more often, "like every month!" Ernestine Mitchell, another of the crew members, followed up on the idea.

Seattle Public Utilities stepped in a little while later and offered to help fund a regular clean up. And, so the Green Team was born. Working in conjunction with the Greater University Chamber of Commerce, the Partnership for Youth, and the University Neighborhood District Coordinator the team designed a program that recruits a crew of six young people to hit the alleys every month and give them a good scrub.

Wednesday, July 27, the crew hit the streets (alleys) and as Rick Eberhardt (Partnership for Youth) said, "I was really proud of the youth. They worked really hard, pulling out dumpsters and getting the muck behind and under the dumpsters. I told them I wanted to be able to see a difference in the alley and I am delighted to say I did." While the crew was working the alleys, Samantha, who works for the Chamber, visited all of the businesses in the two blocks and let them know that the Green Team was out there cleaning. Some of the business owners came out to say thanks. The owner of "Thai 65" gave the crew Thai iced tea. The school age class from Able Child Children's Center also joined the crew. One of the crew members commented, "those kids worked hard!" 🌐

NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND IDEAS FAIR

Saturday, September 10th
9:00 - 11:30 AM

@ Seattle Vocational Institute
(2120 S. Jackson St,
between 22nd Ave. S. & 20th Pl. S.)
Take the #14 Bus. Parking Available.

9:00 - 10:15 AM – Open House

Get inspiration and ideas! Coffee, juice and bagels will be provided. Browse through fantastic displays of different types of Matching Fund projects and chat with project organizers.

Project displays will include: Playgrounds, Race and Social Justice, Habitat Restoration, Community Events, P-Patches, Traffic Calming and Streetscapes, Oral Histories, Public Art, Youth Involvement, and more!

10:15 - 11:30 AM – Workshops

- Race and Social Justice Projects
- Learn more about the Fund and hear from 2004 award recipients
- Get help with developing a proposal
- Getting Started and Outreach
- Fundraising – Shaking the Money Tree!
- Winning Applications – Tips for submitting competitive applications

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CAPTAIN MEEHAN REASSIGNMENT

In the short tenure of Captain Meehan at SPD East Precinct, he met with business, residents and human services representatives. He toured areas of public safety concern such as Broadway, Pike/Pine, and Madison/Miller where he attended neighborhood meetings as an invited guest of Broadway Business Improvement Association, Capitol Hill Community Council, First Hill Improvement Association, Miller Park Improvement Association. He is credited with increased levels of patrols and the return of bike patrols to the neighborhoods on the Hills. Captain Meehan has been reassigned and his replacement, Captain Landy Black, is already on board at the East Precinct.

Neighborhood organizations, Capitol Hill Stewardship Council, and East District Neighborhood Council are separately sending letters to the Mayor and Chief of Police requesting that the policing programs established by Captain Meehan remain in place, in part due to improved public safety conditions in some of the above-mentioned districts under the jurisdiction of the East Precinct.

BROADWAY HUMAN SERVICES ROUNDTABLE (BHSR)

Polly Trout, executive director of Seattle Education Access (SEA), spoke at the July 13 BHSR discussion. SEA seeks to "provide higher education advocacy and opportunity to marginalized, high-potential young adults." They specialize in helping impoverished students, especially homeless youth, complete college degrees by providing college scholarships, academic advising, career counseling, tutoring, and education advocacy. This past year, they have provided \$28,000 to 24 students to go to college. Polly's presence at the meeting gave Capitol Hill Service Providers such as PSKS, Orion, Lambert House, and the City of Seattle an additional resource for clients.

Jeff Corey, BHSR coordinator, has been arranging to have a referral map website created which will provide online, convenient access to Capitol Hill Outreach resources.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the survey of Capitol Hill Service Providers. The "needs assessment" brought up the need for Chemical Dependency Therapy on Capitol Hill. Aside from services offered in jail and hospitals, there is simply not enough available drug therapy to address the needs of Capitol Hill's home-

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less youth. This lack of drug treatment resources has been a frustration for several of the outreach workers. They note that addicts who show up are younger and younger. Staff from Pioneer Human Services noticed this trend of drug use at a younger age in work with local prostitutes.

FIRST HILL OUTDOOR MEAL PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL

The First Hill Outdoor Meal Program representatives met with neighborhood leaders to organize an advisory council that will oversee and provide advice and suggestions to the outdoor meal program. This program offers hot meals to the city's homeless community and it is temporarily located at the First Presbyterian Church on First Hill. The meal program started in June of this year and will continue until May of 2006 under a contract agreement with the First Presbyterian Church. The creation of the advisory council was in response to neighborhood forums that addressed the concerns of the First Hill community during the first quarter of this year.

At this meeting, participants elected Marilyn Hoe, from the Town Hall organization, to head the advisory council, convene, and lead the proposed monthly meetings. Among the main concerns was the uncertainty of having the meal program continue after next year's completion of the contract agreement. However, most of the participants acknowledged that the meal program has not created the expected negative impacts.

GREATER DUWAMISH

SOUTH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

The River City Skate Park in South Park slated to become the city's newest skate facility, got a big financial boost with a \$12,500 grant from Safeco Insurance Co. Volunteers still need more cash, and building permits, before they can break ground on the project that local company Grindline is set to build and maintain. To date, no City dollars have been involved.

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Clean & Green Seattle

CROWN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD TARGETED FOR CLEAN & GREEN SEATTLE INITIATIVE

Mayor Nickels and a number of City staff joined approximately 60 volunteers from the community spending a Saturday morning grooming the Crown Hill neighborhood. The Crown Hill Business Association joined forces with other surrounding neighborhood groups to create a long list of tasks for City maintenance resources and volunteers to tackle.

Efforts were focussed on the major arterial of 15th NW from NW 65th to NW 92nd, and on Holman Rd NW from 15th NW to 8th NW. Damage and maintenance needs were noted at seven Metro bus zones. Over 25 roadway paving and other City right-of-way improvements were addressed by SDOT. The Department of Corrections provided two crews who removed overgrowth and ivy around trees along Holman Rd. Graffiti Rangers addressed approximately 65 reported locations within the target area. Citizen volunteers also painted out graffiti at over 30 locations.

The community provided refreshments, a BBQ, a complimentary Crown Hill Clean & Green T-shirt, and lots of enthusiasm. The District Coordinator worked with a group of community leaders to execute this event along with help from the City's C&GSI team. This event was a great community building experience for the neighborhood. There is interest in making a Crown Hill clean-up a quarterly event.

CLEANER AND GREENER SOUTH DELRIDGE

The South Delridge/Highland Park and the north White Center business districts are a little cleaner and greener due to the collaboration between City departments, community organizations, residents, businesses, and other volunteers. The Clean and Green neighborhood cleanup event was staged at the Delridge/Barton Triangle Park, a popular meeting place for drug dealers and prostitutes. However, on this particular weekend they decided to take their business elsewhere.

Over 50 volunteers came to pick up litter, collect abandoned shopping carts, paint out graffiti, and landscape two large traffic diverters. Department of Corrections work crews cleared huge amounts of grass and brush near the Thistle Street P-Patch and Longfellow Creek Trail. Mayor Nickels kicked off the day by painting out gang graffiti on the triangle park kiosk. In a 16-square block area, a dozen shopping carts were found and returned to the business owners, saving them about \$3,000.

Local businesses, such as the White Center Tool Rental Center, Rozella's Café and Espresso, and Young's Chinese Restaurant, provided additional tools and refreshments. Volunteers included King County Councilmember Dow Constantine and several of his staff, Lt. Mike Washburn, Tanya Kinney, and Jeff Durden from the Southwest Police Precinct, Tim St. Clair, a reporter at the West Seattle News Herald, and Bruce Stotler and friends from the 34th District Democratic Party. The South Delridge/White Center Weed and Seed Program and West Seattle Community Safety Partnership helped co-sponsor this very successful event. 🌍

BEACON HILL LIBRARY/PICNIC IN THE PARK/PIÑATA PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

North Beacon Hill Council and the Beacon Hill Chamber of Commerce joined forces to help celebrate the Beacon Hill Library's 1st year anniversary by hosting the return of the Piñata Party in Triangle Park. A diverse population of about 400 community members turned out to partake in the celebration and activities both in the Library and in the Park. Both Neighborhood Council and Chamber saw this as an opportunity to become more visible in hopes of increasing membership in their respective organizations. The potluck BBQ was capped off with the community kids breaking open five or six Piñatas filled with goodies.

SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S DUWAMISH CAMPUS PLANS

The architect for the South Seattle Community College development of the Duwamish campus attended the Georgetown Community Council meeting and did a presentation on the two new buildings on campus. These new buildings will house classrooms, administrative offices, and the concrete/masonry programs. The architect is requesting support from the Georgetown community to urge the City to expedite what he termed "Abatement Order". Hopefully, this would allow them to remove what would be considered a hazard: the four buildings currently on the property. The community does see this as an eyesore and will be sending DPD a letter requesting that they allow this to happen, provided that there are no environmental hazards.

MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE

SKATEPARK USERS TO CITY: NEW SITE IS TOTALLY LAME

A City plan to relocate a popular skateboard park from the Seattle Center to a site on Elliott Ave W is drawing opposition from skatepark activists. The Seask8 Park in lower Queen Anne needs to be relocated to make way for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Headquarters. Planners had identified the site of the new combined sewer overflow facility on Elliott Ave W near the grain terminal. However, local activists say the site is too dangerous for the teens and pre-teens who would use the facility.

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Located between the BNSF Railroad tracks and the city's 4th busiest arterial, the group Parents for Skateparks says the proposed site is not pedestrian friendly and is "not connected to any kind of neighborhood or community fabric." Councilmember Richard Conlin may propose that the City use Real Estate Excise Tax monies to buy a portion of the Memorial Stadium parking lot from the Seattle School District to relocate the skatepark across the street from its current location.

SMALL MEDIAN: LARGE WEEDS

Years ago, neighbors near the Thorndyke Avenue median in Magnolia thought it would be a great idea to put in some railroad ties and plantings. Those folks who started and promised to maintain the area have long since moved on, leaving the median overgrown with weeds. Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) no longer has the budget to mow City medians for "aesthetics." They only cut grass when it grows so high it becomes a safety hazard for drivers or pedestrians. Staff from Parks and Neighborhoods are working with the Magnolia Community Club to come up with a maintenance plan that could be supported by local businesses and residents.

QUEEN ANNE PUMP STATION WILL FLUSH AWAY WATER PRESSURE PROBLEMS

Hundreds of households on the top of Queen Anne Hill will see a 50 to 100% increase in their water pressure after construction of a new pump station on the site of the new Queen Anne water tanks. Neighbors have long complained of low water pressure in this area. The new station will be built under the tennis courts in conjunction with the replacement of the aging water tanks at Warren Ave and Lee St.

DUMPSTER-FREE UPTOWN MOVES FORWARD

The Neighborhood District Coordinator is spearheading an effort to bring dumpster free alleys to Uptown. The dumpsters are a well-known haven for illegal activity, as well as a neighborhood eyesore. The program is bringing together the Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce, the Uptown Alliance, and Cleanscapes, which implemented a similar program in Pioneer Square, that had

This month the Neighborhood News is featuring the talents of our Public Relations Intern, Connie Liang. A student at Ingraham High School, Connie has a strong interest in journalism, communications, and government. Recently, she had the opportunity to find out more about one of DON's Neighborhood Matching Fund projects, the Negro Baseball League Museum Exhibit. Here are her findings.

THE LEGENDS PROJECT –

Discover Greatness

By: Connie Liang

As I walk down to the baseball field of my high school, I have never thought the skin color of any player would be a problem. Maybe this is because I had never heard of the Negro Baseball Leagues. My generation is very fortunate because many of the violent struggles involving race are in the past. But it is still important and relevant to my generation to know about heritage and our own history because we need to be reminded of what happened during the time of our parents and grandparents.

In 1920, Rube Foster organized the first black professional baseball league, called the Negro National League. The Legends Project partially funded through the Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund - "Discover Greatness" gives us a great opportunity to be involved with community members to address the race and social justice issues in the Delridge community. The Negro Baseball League Museum Exhibit held at Sealth High School provided an intergenerational learning opportunity between Sealth students and other community members. This was a great opportunity for the community and the students because it was the very first exhibit of

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Courtesy of the Negro Baseball League Museum in Kansas City, MO.

its kind on the West Coast.

The Negro League is not a new subject to the students at Sealth. Gary Thomsen, a former sports promoter involved with professional baseball leagues and now teaching business courses like sports marketing and video production at Sealth, had several students that did a research project on this topic a few years ago. Besides the month-long exhibit, the students also organized evening and weekend seminars about issues of race and social justice. These seminars ran from January 13th to February 11th, 2005, coinciding with the exhibit. There was also a multi-discipline scholastic competition open to all the students and community members where winners received a trip to the Negro Baseball League Museum in Kansas City.

The exhibit opened to the public in Sealth school library on January 17th, 2005, and attracted over 10,000 people, many more than they expected, and many from outside the Seattle area.

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a substantial impact on public safety. The key alleys were recently identified and a plan to recruit businesses to the program has been developed. Additional safety lighting in the worst alley has also been requested from City Light.

NORTHEAST

SECOND SMASHING YEAR FOR GREATER UNIVERSITY CHAMBER'S SUMMER SOCIAL

Once again, University House, Don Schulze, owner of Schultzy's (home of the best fries in the U District), and the Greater University Chamber of Commerce "sponsored" a wine tasting event and fabulous buffet at University House, a retirement home in the Wallingford neighborhood. This was the second year this event was held and it proved to be even more successful than the year before. The buffet offered by chefs at the University House rivals the best food in town. And, the wine and beer selection is delicious and generous. It is a particularly nice event for businesses to mingle this year with many businesses coming from other parts of the City (thanks to the fledgling Neighborhood Business Alliance).

UNIVERSITY PARK HOLDS ANNUAL BARBECUE

It has become one of the highlights of this neighborhood's year - the annual barbecue. The first barbecue was held five years ago on the National Night Out when the University Park neighborhood was feeling under siege by obnoxious neighbors' and parties and irresponsible landlords. One of the positive steps the neighborhood took that year was to hold a neighborhood-wide barbecue in the middle of the boulevard (17th Ave). It was an enormously successful event, with hundreds of neighbors coming by, hanging out, sharing food, and getting to know one another. Kent Wills, current president of the group, commented that this year, "was another great neighborhood event. We had over a hundred people in the park and it not only is an opportunity to get to know the neighbors, but we can also sign people up as members of the Community Council."

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MORE STUDIES OF GREENWOOD PEAT BOG

Starting August 1 Seattle Public Utilities will be sending crews to the Greenwood neighborhood to install a series of survey markers in the peat bog area. The markers will be used to monitor the ground elevations in the bog over the next five years. This project is part of an ongoing study of the impacts of the sub-surface settling, which has become most visible in the dramatic sinking and cracking of streets, sidewalks, and building foundations in the neighborhood. The Greenwood Neighborhood Service Center, along with the Greenwood Community Council, and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber will be helping to notify the community about this project.

GREENWOOD PARADE SHOWCASES LOCAL HEROES

Led by Grand Marshals Francesca Wainwright and her staff from the Greenwood Branch Library and accompanied by the Seattle Public Library Book Cart Precision Drill Team, the 55th annual Greenwood Seafair Parade entertained the neighborhood on July 27. Among the luminaries were local business owners who were nominated by their colleagues as Superheroes for their work in making Greenwood/Phinney Ridge such a vibrant neighborhood.

SOUTHEAST

THE CITY EXPANDS WEBSITE SERVICES TO SERVE MORE CITIZENS

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels launched Seattle's new home page in July, introducing the public to improved customer assistance and a variety of new foreign language services. Speaking to over 50 community members at an English as a Second Language (ESL) class at the New Holly Learning Center, Mayor Nickels introduced the new website and some of the new features. The following is a brief overview of the changes:

Language Portal: This site helps non-English speakers navigate public services in 26 languages. Site visitors select their language and are presented with a list of all the City information available to them in that language. <http://www.seattle.gov/html/citizen/language.htm>

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I talked to Amanda Zahler, the student producer of this project who made sure everything was organized for the event. She said she learned to communicate better with others and now knows more about the Negro League Baseball as a result of her involvement. Beside Amanda, I also talked to Aaron Granill, whose job was to help set up the exhibit along with the other students. Through this project, he thought meeting "cool people" like the Mayor and City Council members was great.

This project would not have been as successful without the students' effort, who began working on it in September 2004. Some students worked from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. just to make sure the project was ready for opening day. The most impressive result was selling over \$6,000 of merchandise. Even though it was hard work, everyone involved said this project was worth it.

As a high school student myself, I admire this kind of project where students and community can learn more about the history and share it with others. I live in a community that is very similar to Delridge, so I understand race and social justice issues are often important to discuss. Learning more about those issues can help us to be come closer in our own communities. After we understand our own community; we can then try to make it a better place for all.

By playing in their own league, pursuing excellence in baseball, the Negro League eventually challenged the dominant views of race and sports in America, bring about changes that led to integration of baseball, and eventually, our society. 🌐



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Seattle City Light in Spanish: SCL's new Spanish language web site will help reach and serve business and residential customers. Site visitors can sign up for new utility service, get information about bill payment, learn about electrical safety and conservation, and more. <http://www.seattle.gov/light/spanish/>

On-line permits from DPD: The Department of Planning and Development is constantly increasing the number of online services. Site visitors can now track land use and building applications status during review; check inspection status during construction; apply for side sewer repair permits; and apply for electrical permits. <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/permits/>

Citizens can also file complaints about land use, housing and construction violations at: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/CSC/complaint.asp>

Office of Civil Rights Spanish Portal: The new Spanish-language web site explains the laws that protect people from illegal discrimination in housing, employment, public places and contracting. The site also helps people access services, including free language interpretation. In addition to the new Spanish site, SOCR offers printed information in nine other languages. <http://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/Spanish/Portal.htm>

SOUTHWEST

ADMIRAL PLANNING COALITION FORGING AHEAD ON TRANSITION

Broadening its role to become the community council for the Admiral neighborhood has been the focus of the Admiral Planning Coalition over the past two months. Draft bylaws were developed and reviewed at its July 5 meeting and a final draft will be adopted at its September 6 meeting. Election of officers will take place in November or December and Admiral Neighborhood Association, or ANA, was voted-in as the name for the soon-to-be new neighborhood council.

We also feature this month the talents of Brittany Drury, a 17 year-old who won the Washington Generals Essay Contest on her favorite place in Washington, which happens to be the Pike Place Market. Here is her winning essay.

Pike Place Market

I look all around me at a hundred faces; every one is different and each one tells a different story. There are at least a million smells arousing my curiosity, and more colors than one could count. This teeming marketplace, full of life and vibrant detail, sits above the Puget Sound in the middle of Seattle. It is hard to believe that anyone could ever tire of the organized chaos, and the many different people; all of them either contributing their talent or appreciating someone else's. Pike Place Market is by far my favorite place in all of Washington for the simple reason that there is so much to observe that every moment is full of something interesting to see, hear, smell, and even feel.

From the moment that I step onto the street to begin the journey past all of the shops and food and entertainers I am almost overwhelmed by the people. There are so many of them and they are all so different. Every race is present and unique, the diversity is awe inspiring. Here one finds the "sameness" of life melts away into an adventure of discovery. As I walk along the street level I catch little bits of conversation in English, as well as Spanish, Japanese, and almost every other language you can think of. I enjoy creating stories for each group of people; spinning tales of how one man is buying flowers for his wife's birthday, a woman is finding some exotic fish to cook for dinner, and a group of teenagers are simply looking for something fun and interesting to do on a sunny Saturday. I do the same for the names on the bricks under my feet. Answering in my mind what each person did to get their name placed there. There is so much personality to feed the imagination that anyone of any age could enjoy this mixture of cultures.

So many peoples in one place and they all present a part of what makes them unique. On one street corner there is an Indian trio charming passersby with exotic music coaxed from equally exotic instru-

ments. On another is a young Mexican guitarist strumming to music of his creation. Along the row of shops each craft is handmade with care and devotion. Beautiful carved wooden kaleidoscopes and ethnic jewelry catch my eye with their detail and distinctiveness. I cannot pass a booth in fear of missing out on something new and exciting. As I explore these creations the smell of foreign food drifts to me from across the street. There is Greek, Italian, Indian, Hispanic, Chinese, Japanese, seafood, and even good old American barbeque. After tasting some new exotic delicacy I grab a trademark Starbucks coffee and descend to the shops. Here it is almost as though the most interesting aspects of every culture were hand-picked to be presented as creatively as possible. I step into a spice shop and inhale the striking scent of every spice you could imagine. Next a quilt shop managed by a kind older gentleman who tells me stories about the history of the quilt patterns. Then to an Indian shop full of scarves and bells and mystical music. It boggles the imagination how so much could be found in such a small place. There are also so many places that tell pieces of Seattle's History and the growth of a beautiful city teeming with life.

However, it is not merely the variety that makes the market so special, it is also the scene that unfolds before me as I step out to be engulfed by a full view of the sound. The water is peaceful as the sun sets over Bainbridge Island and the lights of Seattle begin their nighttime demonstration. The crowd begins to thin and the shops close. The awesomeness of it all is amazing to me as I think over all that I have seen and all that I have yet to see. Pike Place Market is truly a showcase of both Seattle's history and little bits of life from all over the world.

Brittany Drury Age 17

Maple Valley Washington

Many exciting projects are planned for the Center City Seattle area in the next few years, including:

CENTRAL WATERFRONT

The Alaskan Way viaduct and the seawall along the central waterfront have been damaged and weakened, thrusting the central waterfront towards yet another major milestone in its evolution. City planners are working to take advantage of this once-in-a-century opportunity to create a waterfront that will meet Seattle's challenging needs.

DOWNTOWN ZONING CHANGES

The Mayor's proposal to provide additional housing by increasing height and density limits in specific areas of downtown Seattle.

SOUTH DOWNTOWN

The overall goal of the South Downtown project is to stimulate housing and related development consistent with the Mayor's Center City for great urban neighborhoods. The South Downtown planning project will examine growth and planning issues specific to Pioneer Square; Chinatown/International District (including the Little Saigon area east of Interstate 5); and the northernmost edges of the Greater Duwamish Manufacturing and Industrial Center.

LIGHT RAIL

This initial 14-mile light rail line will serve downtown Seattle, the industrial area south of downtown, and residential and commercial neighborhoods in Beacon Hill, the Rainier Valley, Tukwila, and SeaTac. Sound Transit is working with neighborhoods, artists, and cities to ensure that the light rail system and stations are an asset to each community. When the system is completed, Link trains will take riders to a number of destinations, providing greater access to jobs and services and increased choices for housing.

MONORAIL

Integrating the Monorail is a City of Seattle program to help shape the Seattle Monorail Green Line Project and ensure that Seattle's newest transit option is designed and built to provide the greatest benefit to Seattle's communities. While the responsibility for developing the monorail falls to the Seattle Popular Monorail Authority, the City of Seattle is both the local regulatory agency for the project and the owner of much of the property and right-of-way along the proposed Green Line route.

The Seattle Monorail Project is charged by voters with building a 14-mile monorail Green Line connecting neighborhoods with downtown. The Green Line will carry millions of people each year, above traffic with easy connections to buses, ferries, light rail and trains.

CENTER CITY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Numerous transportation projects are being studied and constructed that will enhance our downtown street grid to ensure bus and freight mobility, and add alternatives to driving, such as light rail and monorail. By working together, transit agencies and the City are using a coordinated approach to construction that will keep downtown open and moving. Transportation projects include: replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Project, King Street Station Transportation Center, Central Link Light Rail, Mercer Corridor, Monorail, South Lake Union Streetcar, Spokane Street Viaduct Widening, and SR 519 Phase 1 Surface Improvements.

THE BLUE RING

The Blue Ring is Seattle's open space strategy for Center City, which grew out of strong community activism and a commitment to creating urban vitality, eclecticism, sustainability and social equality at the core of Seattle and the Puget Sound region. The Blue Ring is being developed by CityDesign, the City of Seattle's office for urban design, with the help of a planning and design team led by Mithun.

SOUTH LAKE UNION

Creating more housing and employment opportunities, building a street car, and creating a new waterfront park are all part of the Mayor's Action Agenda for South Lake Union. DPD planners are contributing to the Mayor's Action Agenda to create more housing and employment opportunities with two sets of land use and zoning changes in South Lake Union (see website).

BROADWAY RETAIL REVITALIZATION

Strengthening the Broadway business district by improving the retail mix and creating redevelopment opportunities is the focus of a strategy that includes providing storefront improvement grants, addressing public safety concerns, and changing land use and zoning regulations.

FIRST HILL REVITALIZATION

Creating redevelopment opportunities and strengthening the First Hill business district.

CENTER CITY WAYFINDING PROJECT

Creating a wayfinding system that will enhance everyone's ability to navigate the Center City and find destinations whether by foot, transit, bicycle or car. 🌐



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